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1. AMBASSADOR CARDENAS CALLED ON THE DEPARTMENT AT HIS REQUEST JULY 23 TO PRESENT GOE REPLIES TO LOS QUESTIONS ADDRESSED TO HIM AT JULY 15 LUNCHEON WITH ACTING SECRETARY INGERSOLL (STATE 167970). THE MEETING WAS HELD IN THE OFFICE OF DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY RYAN WITH AMBASSADOR J. N. MOORE ATTENDING. CARDENAS REPORTED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WILL PARTICIPATE IN REGIONAL TALKS ON MIGRATORY SPECIES PLANNED FOR THE FALL UNGA SESSION. USING PRECISE LANGUAGE AS INSTRUCTED BY HIS MINISTRY, HE SAID QUOTE ECUADOR FAVORS THE PARTICIPATION OF
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STATES AT THE UNGA MEETING WHICH ARE WITHIN THE PERTINENT

GEOGRAPHICAL AND ECOLOGICAL REGION. UNQUOTE.

2. CARDENAS WENT ON TO NOTE THAT A VISIT BY AMBASSADORS MOORE AND CLINGAN HAS BEEN STUDIED BY THE GOE FOREIGN MINISTRY WHICH WOULD BE PLEASED TO RECEIVE THE TWO NEGOTIATORS IF IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS. HE ADDED THAT HE FELT IT WOULD BE USEFUL. HE NOTED THAT THE GOE IS ANXIOUS TO RECEIVE COMMENTS

ON ARTICLE 53 WHICH WERE PROMISED IN THE JUNE 10 MEETING.

3. IN REPLY TO QUESTIONS ABOUT THE MEANING OF THE GOE STATEMENT ON NON-REGIONAL PARTICIPATION, AMBASSADOR CARDENAS INDICATED THAT IT WAS QUOTE SECRET LANGUAGE UNQUOTE AND UP TO THE DEPARTMENT TO INTERPRET THIS EXPLANATION OF GOE DESIRES. AMBASSADOR MOORE INDICATED THAT BOTH HE AND AMBASSADOR CLINGAN WOULD BE PLEASED TO VISIT QUITO AT SOME TIME BEFORE THE NEW YORK TALKS IF THEIR SCHEDULES PERMITTED. HE SAID THE DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS ON ARTICLE 53 WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE GOE WITHIN A WEEK, AND THE DEPARTMENT HOPED TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE THE NAME OF A SUGGESTED CHAIRMAN FOR THE UNGA MEETING AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME.

4. IN REPLY TO A QUESTION ABOUT THE TIMING OF THOSE TALKS, CARDENAS WAS TOLD THAT THE ORIGINAL PLANS HAD BEEN FOR A TWO-WEEK MEETING THE LAST TWO WEEKS IN SEPTEMBER. TALKS WITH UN SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS IN NEW YORK, WHO ALL STRONGLY ENDORSE THE IDEA OF THE DISCUSSIONS, INDICATED THE SECRETARIAT'S PREFERENCE FOR A SCHEDULE BEGINNING AT THAT TIME BUT THAT THE U.S. DELEGATION WOULD PREFER THE FIRST TWO WEEKS OF OCTOBER OR THE LAST WEEK OF SEPTEMBER AND THE FIRST WEEK OF OCTOBER. AMBASSADOR CARDENAS INDICATED THAT THE FIRST TWO WEEKS OF OCTOBER MIGHT BE PREFERABLE BY THE ECUADORIAN SIDE, BUT THAT HE WOULD CHECK BACK WITH HIS FOREIGN MINISTRY.

5. COMMENT: THE LANGUAGE OF ART PRODUCED BY THE FOREIGN MINISTRY ON THE NON-REGIONAL PARTICIPATION IN THE UNGA
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MEETING IS SOMEWHAT UNCLEAR. IT WOULD APPEAR FROM CARDENAS' COMMENTS THAT THE INTENT OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY STATEMENT IS TO EXCLUDE FRANCE WHILE LEAVING THE DOOR OPEN TO CANADA AND JAPAN. OUR JUDGMENT IS THAT THEY MAY NOT WISH TO MAKE AN ISSUE OF THIS PRIOR TO THE UNGA DISCUSSIONS, AND THAT THEY DO NOT WISH TO MAKE THE PARTICIPATION QUESTION TO BE A CONDITION FOR THEIR ATTENDANCE IN NEW YORK. IT MAY NOT BE

NECESSARY FOR US TO DO ANYTHING MORE ON THIS ISSUE
IF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NEW YORK TALKS, WHEN SELECTED,
DECIDES TO INVITE THE CANADIANS AND THE JAPANESE TO
THE TALKS.

6. (FYI: WHILE DISCUSSING THE MATTER OF THE CHAIRMAN
FOR THE FALL TALKS AMBASSADOR CARDENAS SUBMITTED THE
NAME OF GALO PLAZA AS A POSSIBILITY. THE DEPARTMENT
WOULD APPRECIATE THE POST'S VIEWS ON THIS CANDIDATE.

BOTH EMBASSY AND ECUADOR PRESS REPORTS INDICATE GALO
PLAZA IS INTERESTED IN REENTERING ECUADORIAN POLITICS.
IF THIS IS TRUE, WOULD THESE AMBITIONS FACILITATE OR
HINDER HIS OBJECTIVITY IN DEALING WITH THE SENSITIVE
FISHERIES PROBLEM?)

7. INSTRUCTIONS FOLLOW. KISSINGER

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